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The Father's

Helper

By Osborn Jones

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per Syndicate

permitting their eighteen-year-old

beauty to become Mrs. Dick Stoner,

But Dick knew that, as parents usual-

ly rated sons-in-law-to-be, he was not

undesirable. His record at college

thusinsm on the part of Medeleine, as

they sauntered in and out around the

sand dunes at the seashore, she sud-

fessor of psychology and this year he's

and, well, it is very hard to be the

father of five daughters and Arthur

and Bennet and write a book on psy-

chology. It's hard to be the father of

Arthur, and he'd have to come to meals

and see that we were all there and

maybe say grace, and sometimes just

happen in the drawing room when Mi-

nerva's sultors were there. Minerva's

the stunner, you know, and she has

that father ought to appear once in a

while just to show that there is some-

ther's helper' would have to scold me

sometimes because I am so reckless

when I ride-mother keeps at father

to scold me for it, but he hates to; and

he would have to scold the servants

when mother couldn't manage them,

take that position. You say your fa-

ther hasn't found anyone for it. All

right. I'll make tracks for your place

the end of that week she found the

the man to whom she had recently en-

been eager to see her alone and ofter.

whereas the new inmate of her fath-

er's home, after having been intro-

duced to her, seemed not to notice

her. It was not till the following day

that they did chance to come upor

MILK! MILK!

You know without us explaining to

each other in the library.

icine become Mrs. Dick Stoner."

you within bounds?"

trying to write his greatest book and-

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OFFICIAL CALL

For the Republican County Convent- ent or boy requesting it.

Is the Republican Electors of the County

one executions and wards will be not a little.—Mt. Clemens Monitor.

Affied to the following areads Township Bethany Township Elha, Presint I Elha Township I Elhars Township I Elhars Township I Elhars Township New Haver Township Pine River Township Forth Star Township I Elhar I Elha

G. J. CHAMBERS, Chairman

OPEN POLLS HERE LONGER

As one result of the voting here them. Forty dollars was taken in. found enjone that wants the job." Taesday, the eyes of the city were opened to the need of holding the polls of the city open for a longer period of time during the day, thus enabling the working men of the city to cast their votes.

A great treat was given a big nucleace last Monday evening when Lieut, J. A. Picard delivered his message. "The Spirit of France." His careful enunciation with his pleasing "Oh. I suppose he would have to help Beanet with his Greek and spank their votes."

to take time off during the course of may say, when we hold our son or the day to vote, no matter how hadly grandson upon our knee, they desire to vote. To take off time will not have to learn to fight or be to vote when on such work loses them in war, for we have won," Oh! it money. They need the money, worse will now us to all the won." money. They need the money, worse will pay us to smile and sacrifice, and one keeping track of how often they than someone needs their vote, they be optomistic, if for no other reason come. But father can't stand that feel and hence do not take advantage than to be able to say that. of the chance offered them to go and A splendid shipment was made last

of rapidly rising cost of living, when and Mrs. Plowman, make an efficient it takes all they can earn to make team. both ends properly come together. SERG, LEONARD DIED IN ACTION Neither is it fair to expect that these men will lay off to vote when it is affecting their own pockets.

vote, the city council should fix such he would march in the discharge of hours for the polls being open, as his duty without a sign of fear, into will inqure their being open to these the very jaws of Hell itself. men daving their leisure hours, say In a letter received from him, the

## WAR CONSERVATION

prised at one thing he noticed here, est and best known business men of and white flannels. Besides he spoke a thing which is not in keeping with St. Louis the views of war conservation.

found every light on the main streets St. Lauis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. of Alma burning at that hour, and Pinkston. Young Pinkston died of gaged herself. And besides, the maz was highly disgusted to think that a wounds on August 2nd. Full particu- she had known at the seashore had hustling city like Alma was paying lars are not available. so little regard to the rules and common sense of war conservation.

We know that the lights on the main streets are not supposed to be burning at that hour. Yet they were and friends for their kindness during It evidently was an oversight on the part of someone. It is a matter the pastor for his message of symwhich should be given attention by pathy. those in charge, as such things reflect on the fair name of the city of Alma, which we nil desire to have a clean agree to dissolve the partnership, you the real food value of milk. You reputation with those who come in which has been existing between us know each person should drink at from outside.

## CARD OF THANKS

We gratefully thank our neighbors and friends for their kind assistance and sympathy in our recent bureavement and also for the floral efferings. and family

GET UNIT OF TRAINING CORPS

The War Department has officially designated Central Michigan Normal School of Mt. Pleasant the location of a unit of the Students' Army Training corps, to be under the direct supervision of the War Department and to provide military training for boys of central and northern Michigan, between the ages of 18 and 21. An army officer will be in charge, assisted by five men who are now being trained expressly for this purpose at Government expense at Fort Sheridan, Rifles, uniforms, overcoats and other equipment will be provided free

The purpose of this special War Department plan is to train boys who have had a good preliminary education to become eligible to enter offi-= cers' training camps, and for other specialized war service. The War Department has further planned to supplement this training by a six weeks' intensive course at a summer camp at Government expense, although it is possible that new draft regulations by Congress may upset this part of the plan so far as the

older boys are concerned. Central Michigan Normal School s receiving frequent instructions from the War Department by telegram and letters and will at any time ammunicate the most recent infor- and in business since then, though mation in reply to inquiries from not actually brilliant, was clean and "Long may it wave o'er the eligible boys or their parents. This progressive, and any father-in-law or cular, issued by the school, which much difficulty in discovering that his covers all details of the plan indi- share of the Stoner fortune was a cated by the War Department to date. large one, A copy will be mailed by the Central | So it seemed as if the matter was set-Michigan Normal School to any par- tied till, after a sudden burst of en-

#### ALLIES FOR WOMEN

Grant Slocum has an organization, grew round. A county convention of the Republicans of the County of Gratict is hereby called to meet at the court house, in the village of Rhaca, in Tacoday, the 10th day of September, 1918, full decision. Mr. is the cause of woman suffrage at the said, "He will never let us do anythe cause of woman suffrage at the said. "He will never let us do anything fourteen delegates to the State Convention to be held at Grand Rapids Thursday, Sept. 18th, 1818, and for the trainers at may be properly brought before the convention. The representatives of the various Townships and Warts in this convention were fixed by the following resolution adopted at the Republican County Convention beld Fobruary 5th, 1809.

Seconds: That the various to be for woman suffrage at the fall election. He is chairman of a federation of 25 state organizations, to him, you know, and I don't know how in the world I can ever be marmany more. The effort will be to serve the fall these organizations to the part of all these organizations to the end of "votes for women."

It looks more and more than the cause of woman suffrage at the said. "He will never let us do anything we want to—we are a great trial to him, you know, and I don't know how in the world I can ever be marmany more. The effort will be to serve fired if he doesn't consent. I just couldn't elope."

Dick didn't like this intrusion of an objecting father-in-law. It was much

Step 1800.

Second That the various townships and wards of the County of Gratiot in future he publican Concentions he estitled respectively to representation therein by one delegate for each thirty-fly. Once the Republican candidate for Secretary of State and one delegate for each molety of eighteen thereof, and that the County Concentions and the county Concentration thereof, and that the County Concentrate he had no be delegated to the second flow this rule as a basis for the second flow this rule as a basis for the second flow the rule as a second flow the It looks more and more as though nicer hearing Madeleine's guideless

> ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Have you paid your August Pledge? If not, call at the bank the eighth or the 23rd of September and "Couldn't your mother manage to keep"

Bear in mind the regular business meeting at the Red Cross room next wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

"Oh, mother's just as busy as she can be mending us and durning us and wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Plan to attend, wear your coif, listen and work at the same time,

The "fancy fete" Red Cross bene- breathe. And poor old father said he fit of East Alma, under the direction was going to try to get a 'father's of Mrs. King, president of the Elm-wood Parents' club, was just a splen-father easy, Just as mother does with did success, and great credit is due her 'mother's helper.' So far he hasn't

Many of the men who are laboring in various places in the city, and notably at the Republic plant, are working on bonus work or on time work. These men have little desire to take time off during the course of the case of the course of the case of the course of the case of the case

They cannot be blamed in this day committee, Mrs. H. E. kert, chairman,

(Continued from page one) married. He was a member of the This takes away their opportunity 125th Div., 26th Artillery. He went to with us. Father ought to, mother to vote. The polls are not open when. Custer and from there was trans. says, but he hates to." they go to work. They do not have ferred to a Texas camp from which time to vote at noon and when work he went to France last spring. He is over at night the polls are closed, was born in St. Louis and was noted To give them every opportunity to for his bravery. A friend of his said

until 3:00 p. m. Most of them will last probably he ever wrote, he said probably vote if given a chance, when he had just returned form the front. it is not going to affect their pocket He would shave, get something to eat and return to action soon. That, in It is a matter that is well worth his last turn at the front, a commande the consideration of the city council, to one side fell dead, killed instantly, one on the other side had both legs shot away, and his own gun was the man to whom she had recently be selves while attempting to make themselves. H. B. Collins of Chicago dropped smashed by a shell but he was withinto Alma at midnight a week ago out a scratch. His grandfather, John Sunday night and was greatly sur- Field and father are among the old-

Mr. Collins, it comes to The Record, death of Allen B. Pinkston, R. F. D.,

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors our recent sad bereavement, and also Raycraft Family.

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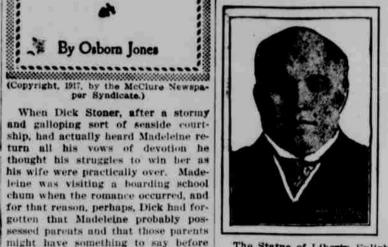
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# What Is It To Be An American?

By Franklin K. Lane SECRETARY OF THE INSTRUCT



We are not gathered to speak bitterly of others or to speak boastfully of ourselves. We have gathered to talk together as to the future of America and how it can be made a more nearly perfect nation.

We see clearly now what we have not so clearly seen before, that a democratic mast have a self-protecting sense as well a creative spirit.

We have lived in the full expression of the most liberal and idealistic political philosophy. There has been nothing of paternalism in our government. We have conceived it to be our high privilege to open this continent to those who came seeking the advantages and the beauties of a new land, in which the individual mind and heart could have free and full development.

The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World at the main gateway of our country has been symbolic of our national attitude. We have believed, and we still believe, that liberty contains a magic healing power for many of the woes of man; that if we can turn its rays upon those troubles which have caused bitterness between peoples the world will be made sweeter, safer, and saner.

But in the ecstasy of our enthusiasm over the discovery of this curative agent which we had thought a panacea, we have overlooked our own responsibility. We have thought that it was enough to say, "This is a land of freedom and equal opportunity," without teaching what these terms meant "Let us keep our hands off; let each man go his own way; let all things be thought, said, and done which each may choose to think or say or do, and sooner or later, by the conflict of minds and acts, truth will prevail." This has been our attitude, and it is one that in the long run is right.

#### Americans of Native Lineage Have a Great Duty.

It is only in emergencies, such as that at present, when we reslize that this attitude of laissez faire, of a high indifference or of a supreme faith, dently changed her tone and her eyes is a reason for self-repreach. The native Americans, those men into whom the traditions of liberty have been sunk by experience of generations, are primarily responsible for whatever indifference has been shown by this nation in the education and enlightenment of those whom they have invited to

If we are to have a nation that has but one conception of national purpose, we must have that conception in our own souls in the first instance, and then we must enlighten those who come here as to what that conception in. The suppression of wrong-doing is the work of the State after the act. Courts and jatls are, after all, but poor protections to a community. As a nation, we are looking for curatives, when we should long since have been looking for preventives. Modern medicine is devoting itself now not so much to the cure of ills as to their prevention. Modern statesmanship should follow the same course.

The greatest disappointment of the year has been the downfall of Russia. And yet downfall is not the precise word that should be used. The crumpling of Russia is perhaps a better expression, for I cannot believe that Russia is destroyed, and that that great nation of a hundred and eighty million peo-ple, with 7,000 miles of straightaway territory, can be crushed out of examence by the iron heel of the Kaiser, like some stray beetle. A reso that is so near to its beginning cannot be so near to its end. There will be another Russia some day-a wiser, a more intelligent, a better educated, a more intensely national Russia.

The truth as we now see it is that Russin was not a nation. She had been long held together by the fear of the enemy on her western border and by the domination of a ruling class.

#### Russia Like a Child Reaching for a Butterfly.

She had a love of freedom, but she had no knowledge of what freedom is, Her revolution, from the orderly overthrow of the Czar to the anarchy of Lenine, has been a simple and a natural process, because what she wanted was not the kind of independence, liberty, and freedom of which we know and which we che..sh. It was not political power that her people sought and through which they might express themselves. Within six months after their revolution came they had degenerated into a mob who believed that liberty meant nothing less than the extreme of individualism, without a com-'mother's helper' to help her and still mon love for anything excepting a desire to make some material gain at the she never seems to have time to expense of these who had land and lived in luxury.

Russia was like a child that reached out of the window after the butterfly, and reached so far that it fell to the ground and was crushed. She abandoned orderly processes within her own country and abandoned her ailies on

mon purpose to make a nation, and she threw her present chance of nation- to Paris, must be selzed. There never has been greater courage shown by there was but one thing in the world worth struggling for, and that was the establishment of a new economic order, and this group undertook to compelthat order by methods as ruthless as those that have filled Siberian prisons. Russia broke when her constitutional convention was dissolved by force.

## Russia's Unprecedented Sufferings.

Russia was broken because her people did not know that political strength is a condition precedent to economic or social reform.

Russia was sick of war, and it is no wonder. She had called out twenty million men. All of them did not go to the front. Many of them could not be armed. But she sent wave after wave through Galacia and through just codies of suitors, and mother says | Poland and through East Prussia, until six million Russians lay dead. Then her spirit broke. The word went out that a new day had dawned, a day in which justice would be done-that the land was to be free. The army resolved itself into its individual units, turned its back upon the front, and each individual went in search of that piece of land which should be his and which meant to him liberty.

Now what is the meaning of this to us? You say that Russia was the victim of German propaganda, and that, through the hundreds of thousands of German and Austrian prisoners, the control of Russian industries, the sympathy of the Russian property-owning class, through the insidious and devious means of suggestion now being so cle by revealed, there came Russia's break-up. This may have been true superdictally, but not fundamentally,

and sometimes, if one of us girls didn't The cause of the Russian disaster, the reason that she has deserted that have an escort to a dance, I suppose eastern front and has thrown the whole burden of supporting civilization the 'father's helper' would have to go upon us in the West, is the ignorance of the Russian people, 80 per cent of whom cannot read or write, none of whom, practically, had ever participated in the affairs of their own country. They did not know Russia as a nation. "My Greek is a little rusty," au-They had followed their leaders. They did not know the significance of nounced Dick, when Madeleine had fin-Russia's position in the world. ished her monologue, "but I think I'll

They did not understand what it meant to have a republican form of government, through which, by their own intelligence, energy, and aspiration, they could give Russia whatever form of life they desired she should have,

## Out of Ignorance Has Come Russia's Ignominy.

tomorrow and by the time you have Russia was the victim of the ignorance of her people, and out of her igcome home I'll be installed and pernorance has come her ignominy. Her people were lovable, charitable, kindly; haps one of the first things I can de will be to show father that it is to they had the sense of neighborliness, but not the sense of nationality. The Czar was the head of the common church, and the Czar was the leader of his interest to let his daughter Madethe people. When he fell they collapsed, because they did not have the power to visualize any other leadership. When Madeleine reached home at

If they had had a Washington he might have saved them, though I doubt it; young man whom her father had re- for behind a Washington there must be a people who have a sense of coalescently employed to be identical with cence and a sense of conservatism which keeps them from destroying them-

If America is not to be Russianized-and there is no fear of that-we must come engaged, except that he was put into our own hearts a truer appreciation of the things that we believe Amdressed in dark blue serge and her finnce had inclined to light tweeds erica to represent; and when we say represent we imply that we are not the exclusive pessessors of Americanism. There are men in Poland, in Russia. in Spain, and in all the countries of Europe, in Germany herself, who represent in a voice that was subdued and the Word has been received also of the speech was free from slang-not very the spirit of Americanism, which is, in a word, that each man shall have his much like the explosive discourse of

What is it to be American? We say that it is to love the Stars and Stripes. But a flag is no more than a symbol. It represents hopes and fears, struggles and achievements, something done and something yet to be done.

## The Real Story of America.

The story of America is not to be told in the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, the fights with the Indians, Bunker Hill and Yorktown, Gettysburg and Appomattex, Santiago and Manila; nor is the story told in the advance of the pioneer from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in the building of great railroads and the conquering of the wilderness, in the searching of the mountains and

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the establishing of great industries, in the coming of the immigrant, or in the philosophy of Emerson and of James, or the poetry of Whitman and Poe, in the inventions of Whitney and Edicas not even in the lives of our great.

All these are expressions of the American spirit of adventure, of purposeful searching after the thing that is better. It is an expression of a divine diseatisfaction. It may be that this nation, like all others, will come to a period of decline. We cannot expect to live forever. But if we do come to such a period, it will be because we rest content.

We are trying a great experiment in the United States. Can we gather together people of different races, creeds, conditions, and aspirations who can be merged into one? If we cannot do this, we will fall; indeed, we will have

#### Making America the Greatest of Nations.

If we do this we will produce the greatest of all nations, and a new race that will long hold a compelling place in the warld. It is well, therefore, that we come together at such time of stress as this, and we should have come together long since, and put our heads to the problem as to what are the initial steps in bringing about that harmony within our country which will give it meaning, purpose, and cohesion

We should not be moved to this by fear. There is nothing to fear. Our wars have been fought by men of foreign birth-Irishmen, and Germans, and Swedes, and Scotchmen. We see their names every day in the list of these who are dead on the battlefields of France.

There is no such thing as an American race, excepting the Indian. We are fashioning a new people. We are doing the unprecedented thing in saying that Slav, Tuton, Celt, and the other races that make up the civilized world are capable of being blended here, and we say this upon the theory that blood alone does not control the destiny of man; that out of his anvironment, his education, the food that he exts, the neighbors that he has, the work that he does, there can be a former and realized spirit, an ideal which will master his blood. In this sense we are all internationalists.

#### Some Unpleasant Discoveries.

Now there are neveral things which we have come upon recently which seem to be discoveries to those of us who have not been wise. The first is that we have a great body of our own people, five and a half millions, who cannot read or write the language of this country. That language is English. And these are not all of foreign birth. A million and a

half are native born. The second is that we are drafting into our army men who cannot understand the orders that are given them to read

The third is that our man power is deficient because our education is de-

The fourth is that we ourselves, have failed to see America through the eyes of those who have come to us. We have falled to realise why it was that they came here and what they sought. We have failed to understand their definition of liberty.

To be an American is not to be the embodiment of concest as to all things that are fundamental in America, or to be satisfied with things as they are, or to let things drift.

We are taking a leaf out of Germany's book in many ways these days. Our ways of war must conform to her processes of destroying human life. She has made herself a composite, compact, purposeful nation by methods of education as well as by authority. We can make ourselves a composite, purposeful nation and impose no authority, other than the compelling influence of affection, sympathy, understanding, and education,

#### The Responsibility of the Hour.

Out of this conference should come not a determination to make more hard or difficult the way of those who do not speak or read our tongue, but a determination to deal in a Catholic and sympathetic spirit with those who can be led to follow in the way or this nation, and as to those others who cannot, other procedure must be applied. The keynote of this conference is "our

It is now a year since we entered into this war, and our men are standing shoulder to shoulder with Frenchmen on their right and Englishmen on their left, holding the line that is to save civilization. The war is coming nearer and nearer to us each day. Each morning we turn with aaxious and with groud even to read the list of our own heroes who have made the supreme

In a new days more this list will swell from a few short inches into continuing columns and pages. Then we will first clearly see the horror of this war. And then there will surge through our souls a passion of indignation and outrage that will close our ears to talk of peace and fix our will to win.

#### Where Streams Run Red With Blood.

For now almost four years we have been looking afar off at a series of unprecedented battles, in every one of which more men were killed than all the joint participants in either Waterloo or Gettysburg. There is hardly a stream in northeastern France, hardly a village, that has not been given a permanent name in history as the center of a great battle.

For many days now the Germans have been advancing upon Amiens, another of the historic cathedral towns of France. This time the Kalser himseif his appounced to the world that he would be present and in supreme command. There has been no such battle before. Let us hope there may never be such another.

The determination of the Germans has been shown in their unprecedented Because she was young, she did not realize that it takes time and a commen than the Germans have shown in this advance. The men march in solid ranks and are moved down by rapid-fire guns. As the front line falls the rear advances. As it falls, too, another line appears to take its place. And so by increments of death the Kaiser wins his way.

## The World's Greatest Battle, But Not the Last.

This is the world's greatest battle. More men are involved, more cannonthey say there is a gun for every 40 feet along the western front-more airplanes, more tanks, more lethal weapons of every kind, more poisonous gases and more of hell is seen upon that 60 mile front than the eyes of the angels have ever looked upon before. We call it the world's greatest battle, but the last great battle of this war has not been fought and cannot be fought now.

That line may bend, but it will not break. Remember, there are Scotchmen there-Scotchmen from Glasgow and from Edinburgh and from the far Islands of the north, Scotchmen who never surrender; and Englishmen from Liverpool and Manchester and London, from the Soft Lake country and from Surrey; and Irishmen from Killarney, the gallant Irish, who are fighting that there may be an Ireland saved to which will come home rule; and men from Australia and New Zealand; Canadians, who love war no more than we do. but can make it just as well. There are Frenchmen there, the Frenchmen of Verdun. Need I say more. No more can be said.

## More to Live and Die for Than Ever Armies Had Before.

Those men do not yield. They have not fought for nearly four years that they may crumple up now. It is a thin line that holds the Kaiser back, but is a line in which there is more of spirit and more of resolution than in any line the world has seen, because it has more to live for and more to die for than any other group of men ever gathered together; and into this thin line are weaving our men in khaki. These are but an assurance. More and still more are to follow, until that thin line is made a thick line.

Von Hindenburg said after the first week of offensive that the first act was over. It is never the first act that tells the story. The climax comes in the closing scene, and in that closing scene America will play her part; and it will be a noble part. It is solemn conviction that when success comes to the Allied armies, under General Foch, it will come because of what we do, because of our men in the field, and the spirit and sacrifice of our men and women and our boys and girls at home.

## A New Spirit in America.

America has never sought to be a world power. She does not now. But America has nothing to live for if Germany becomes the one dominant power of the world. And against that possible day your boys and my boys must give their lives, their ambitions, their dreams, if need be.

And we who are not permitted to fight, what shall be our part? Let is be our resolution that when our sons return they shall find a new spirit in America, a deeper insight into the problems of a striving people, a stronger, firmer, more positive and purposeful sense of nationality. We shall make America better worth while to Americans and of higher service to the world.

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